



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



May 1999

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Crops	Character of Storm
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ILLINOIS, Northeast

La Salle County

Utica	05	2017CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Golf ball size hail was reported by a ham radio operator at Starved Rock State Park.

Ogle County

2 E Brookville to 3 NW Polo	12	1445CST 1510CST	1	20	0	0			Tornado (F0)
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Ogle County

4 S Forreston	12	1555CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Ogle County

West Portion	12	1645CST 2300CST			0	0			Flash Flood
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A series of strong slow moving thunderstorms hit western Ogle County. Funnel clouds or weak landspout tornadoes were reported southeast of Brookville and northwest of Polo. As many as 4 were spotted. There was no damage. Golf ball size hail was reported south of Forreston. The storms dumped heavy rain over parts of western Ogle County from mid afternoon well into the evening hours. Doppler radar indicated as much as 6 and a half inches of rain fell in a couple hours. The heavy rain caused flooding of low areas and creeks. Highway 64 was closed due to high water. The most serious flooding was along Pine Creek. The flooded creek washed out 3 sections of Lowell Park Road and two bridges. A car was stranded by rising flood waters on a bridge on Lowell Park Road. The driver had to be rescued by a tractor. Flooding of Pine Creek caused damage to White Pines State Park. A bridge was washed out. Flood waters swept about 30 picnic tables away. Two homes across the road from the park were flooded. The deck of one house was washed away.

Mchenry County

Harvard to Mc Henry	16	1745CST 1750CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
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Lake County

Zion	16	1857CST 1915CST			0	0			Hail (1.00)
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Hail fell over parts of Mc Henry and Lake Counties. Golfball hail was reported at Harvard, quarter size hail north of Mc Henry, and nickel to one inch diameter hail was reported in northern Lake County. Trees were also down in Harvard.

Lee County

Amboy	16	2330CST 2340CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Ogle County

Forreston to Chana	16	2335CST 2355CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Boone County

Belvidere to Capron	17	0015CST 0030CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Lake County

2 SW Wauconda to 1 NE Wauconda	17	0045CST 0055CST			0	7			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Cook County

Schaumburg	17	0130CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
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Thunderstorms produced damaging downburst winds throughout north central and northeast Illinois in the late night and early morning hours of the Sunday May 16th and Monday May 17th. In Lee County, trees were downed in Harmon. At a farm, a shed was destroyed and a large out building was blown into a farm house. Trees were blown down in Amboy. One tree limb fell on a house. The roof of a tavern was torn off. At a campground 4 miles east of Amboy, a camper was overturned. Trees and limbs were down elsewhere in the county. In Ogle County, trees were down in Forreston. Two farms were damaged near Chana at Flag Road and



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Sweeney Road. Several buildings were damaged or destroyed. A house was moved off its foundation. Nickel size hail was also reported with the storm. A house was damaged on the Lee/Ogle County Line. In Boone County, an addition to a high school that was under construction collapsed. North of Belvidere, trees were blown down and farm buildings were damaged on Poplar Grove Road. A tree fell on a house and a silo was blown over. There was also tree damage near Capron.

The most extensive damage was in Lake County near Wauconda in a swath about 4 miles long and 1 mile wide. There were tree limbs down in Tower Lakes along and north of Roberts Road and along Route 59. The most extensive damage was to a trailer park at Route 59 and 12. Winds knocked down tree many limbs and a few large trees were uprooted. Trees and limbs fell on homes and sheds. Trailer skirting and awnings were destroyed and strewn about the neighborhood. Thirty nine mobile homes were damaged and seven people were injured in the trailer park. Tree limbs were also blown down through the south and east parts of Wauconda.

La Salle County

La Salle

17 0930CST

0 5

Lightning

Lightning struck the flagpole at Hall High School. A side flash affected 5 students sitting near windows in a 4th floor classroom. One student was taken to a hospital. The others suffered only a minor tingling sensation.

Livingston County

5 S Dwight

17 0945CST

0 0

Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Will County

Wilmington to New Lenox

17 0950CST
1000CST

0 0

Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Cook County

Country Club Hills to Alsip

17 1010CST

0 0

Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

A small intense thunderstorm cluster developed in Livingston County and raced northeast through Will County and into southern Cook County. Wind damaged a barn and a shed near Dwight. Power poles were also blown down. In Will County, trees were blown down in Wilmington and a tree fell on a house in Manhattan. A semi tractor-trailer was overturned on Laraway Road and Cherry Hill Road near New Lenox. In Cook County, part of the roof of a school was peeled off in Country Club Hills. There were no injuries to the students. The roof of an industrial building in Alsip was also damaged.

Kane County

Aurora

30 1830CST

0 0

Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

A microburst damaged tree limbs and power lines in a small section of Aurora. A large tree limb fell on the roof of a house.